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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

North Dakota Farmers plan to increase plantings of corn, oats, oil sunflowers, sugarbeets, soybeans, dry edible beans, and canola. Crops showing a decrease in prospective plantings are spring wheat, durum wheat, winter wheat, barley, and non-oil sunflowers. These estimates are based on a survey reflecting grower intentions as of the first two weeks in March.

Hard red spring wheat intentions are 6.4 million acres, down 10 percent from 2001. Durum wheat intentions are 2.1 million acres, down from 2.2 million

acres in 2001. Winter Wheat seeded last fall totaled 80,000 acres, down 47 percent from 2001. Barley intentions are 1.5 million acres, the same as last year. Oat intentions are 700,000 acres, up 22 percent from 2001. Acreage intended for grain is 430,000 acres, 79 percent above last year.

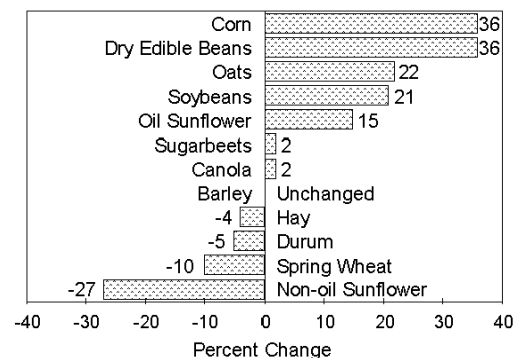
All corn intentions are 1.2 million acres, up 36 percent from 2001. Soybean intentions are 2.6 million acres, a new record high if realized and up 21 percent from last year's record high of 2.15 million acres. Canola intentions are 1.32 million acres, up 2 percent from 2001, another record high if realized. Oil sunflower intentions are 1 million acres, up 15 percent from last year. Non-oil sunflower intentions are 160,000 acres, down from 220,000 acres in 2001.

United States Spring wheat growers intend to plant 15.1 million acres this year, down 3 percent from 2001. Of the total, about 14.2 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat. Durum wheat intentions are expected to total 2.84 million acres, down 2 percent from 2001. Barley

growers intend to seed 5.08 million acres for 2002, up 2 percent from the record low of 4.97 million acres seeded a year ago.

Corn growers intend to plant 79.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2002, up 4 percent from 2001. Soybean producers intend to plant 73.0 million acres, down 2 percent from last year. Sunflowers growers are expected to plant a total of 2.49 million acres in 2002, down 6 percent from last year. Acres intended for oil type varieties, at 2.10 million acres, are down 2 percent from 2001, and non-oil varieties estimated at 396,000 acres are down 23 percent from last year.

2002 March Prospective Plantings
Percent Change from 2001 Planted Acres
North Dakota



PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS, MARCH 1, 2002

Crop	NORTH DAKOTA				UNITED STATES			
	Planted			2002 as % 2001	Planted			2002 as % 2001
	2000	2001	Indicated 2002		2000	2001	Indicated 2002	
	--- 1,000 Acres ---			Pct	--- 1,000 Acres ---			Pct
Corn, All	1,080	880	1,200	136	79,551	75,752	79,047	104
Wheat, Durum	3,250	2,200	2,100	95	3,937	2,910	2,842	98
Other Spring	6,800	7,100	6,400	90	15,299	15,629	15,086	97
Winter	120	150	80	53	43,393	41,078	41,076	100
All	10,170	9,450	8,580	91	62,629	59,617	59,004	99
Oats, Planted	600	575	700	122	4,477	4,403	5,129	116
Harvest for Grain	315	240	430	179	2,329	1,905	2,531	133
Barley	1,900	1,500	1,500	100	5,864	4,967	5,078	102
Sunflower, Oil	1,010	870	1,000	115	2,248	2,139	2,097	98
Non-Oil	320	220	160	73	592	514	396	77
All	1,330	1,090	1,160	106	2,840	2,653	2,493	94
Sugarbeets	258.0	261.0	267.0	102	1,564.2	1,371.1	1,418.4	103
Soybeans	1,900	2,150	2,600	121	74,266	74,105	72,966	98
Dry Edible Beans	610.0	440.0	600.0	136	1,758.2	1,429.9	1,766.5	124
Canola	1,270	1,300	1,320	102	1,555	1,494	1,549	104
All Hay ^{1/}	2,450	2,700	2,600	96	59,854	63,511	63,743	100

^{1/} Acreage for harvest.

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AGRICULTURAL PRICES

North Dakota

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in March was 91 percent of the 1990-1992 base. This is up 5 percent from last year and 2 percent from two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 89 percent of the base, was up 7 percent from March 2001 while the All Livestock Index, at 100 percent, was down 3 percent from last year. March indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

United States

The March All Farm Products Index was 106 percent of its 1990-92 base, up 7 percent from the February index and 2 percent above the March 2001 index. The All Crops Index was 117, up 16 percent from February and 18 percent above March 2001. The Livestock and Products Index, at 96, was down 1 percent from last month and down 11 percent from March 2001.

INDEX NUMBERS OF FARM PRICES March 15, 2002

Indexes and Ratios	NORTH DAKOTA			UNITED STATES		
	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 15, 2002	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 15, 2002
PRICES RECEIVED	(1990-92 = 100)					
ALL FARM PRODUCTS	87	93	91	104	99	106
CROPS	83	91	89	99	101	117
Food Grains	85	91	88	92	84	84
Feed Grains & Hay	82	85	87	91	91	91
Oil Bearing Crops ^{1/}	76	86	84	78	76	79
Other Crops ^{2/}	86	103	98	93	132	142
LIVESTOCK	103	100	100	108	97	96
Meat Animals	105	101	101	103	93	93
Dairy Products	99	97	99	106	100	97
Poultry & Eggs	98	99	99	119	100	101
PRICES PAID	---	---	---	124	122	122
RATIO ^{3/}	---	---	---	84	81	87

^{1/} ND includes non-oil sunflower. ^{2/} Potatoes, dry edible beans and sugarbeets. ^{3/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid.

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, March 15, 2002 ^{1/}

Item	Unit	NORTH DAKOTA			UNITED STATES			Effective U.S. Parity Price Mar 2002
		Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 15, 2002	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 15, 2002	
		--- Dollars ---			--- Dollars ---			- Dollars -
Wheat, Durum	Bu	2.08	3.29	3.00	2.40	3.49	3.11	---
Other Spring	Bu	2.86	2.75	2.70	2.99	2.85	2.87	---
Winter	Bu	2.49	2.45	2.30	2.85	2.75	2.76	---
All	Bu	2.65	2.84	2.75	2.87	2.83	2.81	9.38
Corn	Bu	1.72	1.75	1.80	1.96	1.93	1.92	6.35
Rye	Bu	1.55	---	---	---	---	---	5.52
Oats	Bu	0.97	1.82	1.90	1.24	1.91	1.97	3.87
Barley, Feed	Bu	1.51	1.51	1.45	1.76	1.70	1.77	---
Malting	Bu	1.81	2.02	2.05	2.24	2.56	2.67	---
All	Bu	1.73	1.75	1.75	2.07	2.21	2.26	6.24
Sunflower, Oil	Cwt	6.71	10.30	10.30	---	---	---	---
Non-oil	Cwt	11.00	11.40	10.70	---	---	---	---
All	Cwt	7.98	10.60	10.40	7.46	10.00	9.99	---
Baled Hay, Alfalfa	Ton	47.00	51.00	52.00	95.00	99.50	98.80	---
Other	Ton	32.00	36.00	36.00	75.10	70.80	73.00	---
All	Ton	44.00	48.00	49.00	90.10	90.40	91.40	---
Flaxseed	Bu	3.90	4.75	4.70	3.90	4.75	4.70	11.10
Soybeans	Bu	4.12	3.90	4.00	4.39	4.21	4.39	13.90
Dry Edible Beans, Navy	Cwt	10.50	23.00	---	---	---	---	---
Pinto	Cwt	11.30	28.80	---	---	---	---	---
All	Cwt	11.70	28.30	28.10	14.90	26.20	26.90	47.00
Potatoes, Fresh ^{2/}	Cwt	5.65	8.25	---	5.08	11.40	---	---
Processing	Cwt	5.75	5.00	---	5.10	5.36	---	---
All	Cwt	6.00	5.95	6.10	5.12	7.60	8.29	13.20
Beef Cattle	Cwt	80.80	78.90	78.60	76.00	69.90	71.60	155.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	85.10	83.00	83.00	80.50	73.60	75.30	---
Cows	Cwt	42.10	41.90	43.00	42.30	40.60	42.40	---
Calves	Cwt	101.00	96.00	99.00	112.00	105.00	104.00	206.00
Sheep	Cwt	45.00	28.00	---	46.60	35.30	---	74.00
Lambs	Cwt	93.50	61.10	---	84.00	67.40	---	175.00
Hogs	Cwt	46.10	40.80	---	45.90	38.50	36.30	100.00

^{1/} Previous month and previous year prices are entire month average except for alfalfa, other and all hay which are mid-month prices. ^{2/} Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

GRAIN STOCKS

North Dakota

Stocks of all wheat, durum wheat, barley, corn and oats in all positions for North Dakota on March 1 decreased from the same period a year ago. All wheat stocks, including durum, other spring and winter wheat, were down 9 percent from a year ago and the lowest level since 1998. Durum wheat stocks were down 35 percent from last year and are at the lowest level since 1998. Barley stocks were down 19 percent from last year and corn stocks were down 25 percent from last year's record high level. Soybean stocks in all positions totaled 19.9 million bushels. On farm soybean stock estimates for North Dakota were reinstated starting with the December 1, 2001 estimate after a four year absence.

United States

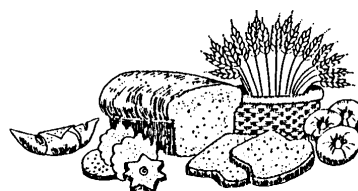
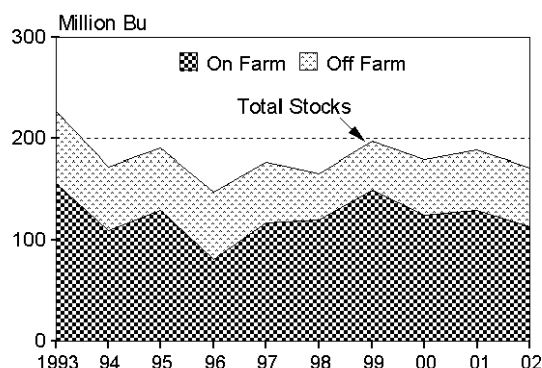
All wheat stored in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 1.21 billion bushels, down 10 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks are estimated at 339 million bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Off-farm stocks, at 872 million bushels, are down 9 percent from a year ago. The indicated December 2001 - February 2002 disappearance is 413 million bushels, down 12 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Durum wheat stocks in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 51.9 million bushels, down 29 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 30.2 million bushels, are down 32 percent from March 1, 2001. Off-farm stocks totaled 21.7 million bushels, down 24 percent from a year ago. The indicated December 2001 - February 2002 disappearance of 24.7 million bushels is down 22 percent from the same period a year earlier.

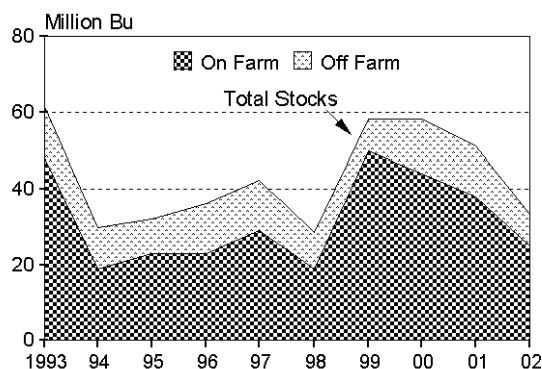
Corn stocks in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 5.80 billion bushels, down 4 percent from March 1, 2001. Of the total stocks, 3.36 billion bushels are stored on farms, down 7 percent from a year earlier. Off-farm stocks, at 2.44 billion bushels, are down slightly from the previous year. The December 2001 - February 2002 indicated disappearance is 2.47 billion bushels, compared with 2.49 billion bushels during the same period last year.

Soybeans stored in all positions on March 1, 2002 totaled 1.34 billion bushels, down 5 percent from March 1, 2001. On-farm stocks totaled 687 million bushels, down 12 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 649 million bushels, are up 4 percent from a year ago. Indicated disappearance for the December 2001 - February 2002 quarter totaled 940 million bushels, up 12 percent from the same quarter in 2001.

All Wheat Stocks
North Dakota, March 1, 1993-2002



Durum Wheat Stocks
North Dakota, March 1, 1993-2002



GRAIN STOCKS, March 1, 2002

Crop	Date	NORTH DAKOTA			UNITED STATES		
		On Farm	Off Farm ^{1/}	Total All Positions	On Farm	Off Farm ^{1/}	Total All Positions
		--- 1,000 Bushels ---			--- 1,000 Bushels ---		
Wheat, All ^{2/}	Mar 1, 2001	130,000	59,000	189,000	384,750	953,648	1,338,398
	Dec 1, 2001	179,000	58,000	237,000	517,890	1,105,565	1,623,455
	Mar 1, 2002	114,000	57,700	171,700	338,500	872,223	1,210,723
Durum Wheat	Mar 1, 2001	38,000	13,250	51,250	44,200	28,616	72,816
	Dec 1, 2001	39,000	9,200	48,200	49,600	26,997	76,597
	Mar 1, 2002	25,000	8,300	33,300	30,200	21,696	51,896
Barley	Mar 1, 2001	25,000	20,870	45,870	58,600	103,544	162,144
	Dec 1, 2001	40,000	17,660	57,660	92,600	102,587	195,187
	Mar 1, 2002	18,000	19,100	37,100	46,000	95,742	141,742
Oats	Mar 1, 2001	9,000	385	9,385	55,800	54,128	109,928
	Dec 1, 2001	9,600	755	10,355	58,100	56,117	114,217
	Mar 1, 2002	6,500	365	6,865	39,800	52,997	92,797
Corn	Mar 1, 2001	38,000	13,800	51,800	3,600,000	2,442,999	6,042,999
	Dec 1, 2001	52,000	14,850	66,850	5,275,000	2,989,715	8,264,715
	Mar 1, 2002	28,000	10,800	38,800	3,355,000	2,441,473	5,796,473
Soybeans ^{3/}	Mar 1, 2001		5,980		780,000	623,908	1,403,908
	Dec 1, 2001	23,000	11,350	34,350	1,240,000	1,035,618	2,275,618
	Mar 1, 2002	12,000	7,890	19,890	687,000	648,976	1,335,976

^{1/} Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals and processors. ^{2/} Includes durum, other spring and winter. ^{3/} On-farm stock estimates reinstated December 1, 2001.

Acres Down for Spring Wheat, Durum,
Soybeans and Sunflowers

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U.S. producers intend to plant fewer acres of spring wheat, durum, soybeans and sunflowers, according to the Planting Intentions Report released by USDA on March 28. Increases are expected for corn, barley, oats, dry edible beans, canola, and sugarbeets. In North Dakota, decreases are expected for spring wheat, durum and non-oil sunflowers, and increases are expected for soybeans, canola, oil sunflowers, corn, oats, dry edible beans and sugarbeets.

The grain stocks report, which was also released on March 28, indicated more wheat (41 million bushels) and corn (66 million bushels) stocks than the trade expected, on average, but soybeans were close to expectations. All stocks except those for grain sorghum were down relative to a year ago: all wheat down 10 percent, durum down 29 percent, corn down 4 percent, soybeans down 5 percent, barley down 13 percent and oats down 16 percent.

Seasonal price patterns tend to suggest stronger prices for all crops into May, on average. Because of dryness in the Southern Plains, wheat may have the most potential. Acres and stocks suggest that oilseeds may also have potential while feed grains may have the most risk.

Other spring wheat (mostly hard red spring) acres are expected to be down 3 percent in the U.S. and down 10 percent in North Dakota. On-the-other-hand, significant increases are expected in Montana (8 percent) and South Dakota (6 percent).

Durum acres are expected to be down 2 percent in the U.S. and down 5 percent in North Dakota. The only other state with significant spring planted durum is Montana and acres there are expected to be up 4 percent.



Soybean acres are expected to be down 2 percent in the U.S. but up sharply in North Dakota (450,000 acres). North Dakota now ranks eleventh among states in acres planted to soybeans.

Canola is expected to show gains in planted acres, up 20,000 or 2 percent in North Dakota and up 35,000 or 44 percent in Minnesota. Acres in other states are expected to remain steady.

Sunflower acres in the U.S. are expected to drop 2 percent for the oils and 23 percent for the non-oils. In North Dakota, acres are expected to be up 15 percent for the oils but down 27 percent for the non-oils.

Barley acres in the U.S. are expected to increase 2 percent but hold steady in North Dakota. For other feed grains, both U.S. and North Dakota planting intentions are up. Corn acres are expected to be up 4 percent in the U.S. and up 36 percent in North Dakota. Oats acres harvested are expected to be up 33 percent in the U.S. and up 79 percent in North Dakota.

Dry edible bean acres are expected to be up 336,600 or 24 percent in the U.S. and up 160,000 or 36 percent in North Dakota. Sugarbeet acres are expected to be up 3 percent in the U.S. and up 2 percent in North Dakota.

Biotech soybeans are expected to reach 74 percent of all U.S. soybeans planted versus 68 percent last year. For corn, 32 percent will be planted to biotech varieties versus 26 percent last year.

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